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Prior Application Serial No.:  
09/493,384

Prior Application Examiner:  
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Classification Designation:

Prior Group Art Unit: 2823

BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUATION APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

This is a request for filing a continuation application under Rule 53(b) (37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)) of co-pending prior application Serial No. 09/493,384 filed January 28, 2001, entitled "METHOD OF FABRICATING COPPER-BASED SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES USING A SACRIFICIAL DIELECTRIC LAYER."

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application Serial No. 09/493,394 as originally filed, including specification, claims, drawings, and declaration. The undersigned hereby verifies that the attached papers are a true copy of the prior application as originally filed and identified above, that no amendments (if any) referred to in

the declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein, and further that this statement was made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

(a)  The inventorship is the same as prior Application Serial No.

09/493,384

(b)  Deletion of inventor(s). Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

2. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct the amount of the total filing fee (listed below) from Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. Deposit Account No. 01-0365/TT3586C.

**CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION  
LESS CLAIMS CANCELED BY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	FEE
Basic Fee -----				\$740.00
Total Claims	20-20 =	0 X	\$18.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	2-3 =	0 X	\$84.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s) -----				\$0.00

**TOTAL FILING FEES:** **\$ 740.00**

3. Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status for this application.

(a) A small entity statement is enclosed.

- (b) A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
- (c) Small entity status is no longer claimed.
4. **The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 that may be required for any reason relating to this document, or credit any overpayment to Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. Deposit Account No. 01-0365/TT3586C.**
5. Enclosed is a copy of the current Power of Attorney in the prior application.
6. Address all future communications to:
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7. The prior application is presently assigned to Advanced Micro Devices, Inc..
8. Enclosed is a **Preliminary Amendment**.
9. Cancel in this application claims 21-40, as requested in the accompanying **Preliminary Amendment**, before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim has been retained).
10. Amend the specification, as requested in the accompanying **Preliminary Amendment**, by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This is a continuation of co-pending application Serial No. 09/493,384, filed January 28, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_.--
11. Enclosed are formal drawings.
12. An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed.

- (a) PTO-1449.
- (b) In accordance with Rule 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) copies of the listed documents are not enclosed as they have been previously cited by or submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in prior application Serial No. 09/493,384.
13. Other: \_\_\_\_\_
14. Return Receipt Postcard (specifically itemized).

Respectfully submitted,

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